

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A bus clock controlling method in a computer, comprising:
setting a throttle rate of a clock to a predetermined initial value, the clock being used for a data bus connected between a CPU and a controlling device;
detecting a remaining battery capacity if a present power source is at least one battery; and
adjusting the set throttle rate according to the detected remaining battery capacity.
2. The method set forth in claim 1, wherein said adjusting step increases the set throttle rate as the detected remaining battery capacity decreases.
3. The method set forth in claim 1, wherein said adjusting step selects one value appropriate to the detected remaining battery capacity among a plurality of throttle rates preset in reverse proportion to different remaining battery capacities.
4. The method set forth in claim 1, wherein said controlling device is a bridge controller in a computer.
5. A bus clock controlling method in a computer, comprising:

setting a throttle rate of a clock to a predetermined initial value, the clock being used for a data bus connected between a CPU and a controlling device;

detecting a present load of the CPU; and

adjusting the set throttle rate in reverse proportion to the present CPU load.

6. The method set forth in claim 5, wherein said adjusting step is conducted only when a present power source is at least one battery.

7. The method set forth in claim 5, wherein said adjusting step includes selecting a new throttle rate appropriate to the detected CPU load from a plurality of throttle rates preset in reverse proportion to different CPU loads.

8. A computer, comprising:

a CPU that processes;

a first controller coupled to the CPU via a data bus, and configured to provide a throttled clock to the data bus according to a throttle rate;

a clock generator coupled to the CPU and the first controller, and configured to generate a clock;

a detector detecting a variable, wherein the variable is a remaining battery capacity or a load of the CPU; and

a second controller coupled to receive the detected variable, configured to determine the throttle rate according to the detected variable, and further configured to output the throttle rate to the first controller.

9. The computer of claim 8, wherein said second controller outputs the throttle rate in the form of a pulse signal whose duty cycle varies in accordance with the detected variable, and wherein the first controller includes a throttle controller providing the data bus with the throttled clock only when the pulse signal is in a specific state.

10. The computer of claim 8, wherein said first controller is a bridge controller, and wherein said second controller determines the throttle rate in reverse proportion to the detected variable.

11. The computer of claim 8, wherein the throttle rate increases as a value of the detected variable decreases.

12. The computer of claim 8, wherein the second controller comprises:

at least one comparator coupled to receive the detected variable from the detector, configured to compare the detected variable to a plurality of predetermined values, and further configured to output a result of the corresponding plurality of comparisons; and

a host clock throttler coupled to receive the plurality of comparisons and a power mode signal, and configured to output the throttle rate to the first controller.

13. The computer of claim 12, wherein the at least one comparator comprises a remaining battery capacity comparator, and wherein the detected variable is the remaining battery capacity.

14. The computer of claim 12, wherein the at least one comparator comprises a CPU load comparator, and wherein the detected variable is the load of the CPU.

15. The computer of claim 12, wherein the at least one comparator comprises a remaining battery capacity comparator and a CPU load comparator.

16. A bus clock controlling method in a computer, comprising:
 setting a throttle rate of a clock to a predetermined initial value, the clock being used for a data bus to which both a CPU and a controlling device are connected;
 detecting a remaining battery capacity and a load of the CPU if a present power source is a battery; and
 adjusting the set throttle rate according to the detected remaining battery capacity and the CPU load.

17. A bus clock controlling method in a portable computer, comprising:
setting a throttle rate of a clock to a predetermined initial value, the clock being used for a data bus connected between a controlling device and a selected one of a plurality of devices associated with the portable computer;
detecting a condition of a prescribed criteria of the portable computer if a present power source is a battery; and
adjusting the set throttle rate according to the detected condition, wherein the detected condition is within a range of values for the prescribed criteria.

18. The bus clock controlling method of claim 17, wherein the selected device is a peripheral device, and wherein the predetermined initial value is a smallest throttle rate.

19. The bus clock controlling method of claim 17, wherein the prescribed criteria is at least one of CPU load and remaining battery capacity, and wherein said adjusting step selects a rate corresponding to the detected condition among a plurality of prescribed throttle rates that each correspond to mutually exclusive sets of values of the detected condition within the range of values for the prescribed criteria.

20. The bus clock controlling method of claim 19, wherein each of the plurality of prescribed throttle rates increases as the detected condition decreases within the range.

21. A bus clock controlling method in a computer, comprising:
setting a throttle rate of a clock to a predetermined initial value, the clock being used for a data bus to which both a controlling device and a peripheral device are connected;
detecting one of a present load of the CPU and a remaining battery capacity; and
adjusting the set throttle rate in reverse proportion to the detected one of the present CPU load and the remaining battery capacity.

22. A computer, comprising:
means for setting a throttle rate of a data bus clock to a predetermined initial value;
means for detecting at least one of a remaining battery capacity and a load of the CPU; and
means for adjusting the throttle rate of the data bus clock based on at least one of the detected remaining battery capacity and the detected load of the CPU.